Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Condition of the Urban District of Kirkby Lonsdale

Report for the Year ending 31st December 1909

During the Year 1909 the deaths of 16 Persons of all ages and from all causes were recorded as having occurred in the District as against 11 in the preceding Year and as against an average of 18.3 for the preceding 10 years.

To this number however must be added the death of 1 resident of Kirkby Lonsdale which occurred in a Public Institution outside the District.

This represents an average of 9.69 per thousand or with the addition of the resident whose death occurred outside the District of 10.3 per thousand of the whole population.

As the average death rate at all ages for the preceding 10 years was 11.35 per thousand this rate will be seen to be below the average.

Of the 17 deaths 3 were children under 1 year of age.

31 Births were registered during the year equal to an annual rate of 18.78 per thousand. the average Birth rate for the last 10 years was 20.82 per thousand. This shows a slightly declining rate

Annual Report of the Health Officer of the Metropolitan District of Brickfield Parish

for the year ending 31st December 1904

During the year 1904 the deaths of 1,842 persons dying at all ages and from all causes were recorded as having occurred in the District, giving an annual death rate of 18.3 for the preceding 5 years.

Of this number however must be added the death of 1 resident of Brickfield Parish who died in Little Hampton while the District.

This represents an average of 0.01 per thousand with the exception of the previous week when several deaths in the District of 10.3 per thousand were recorded.

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Of the 1,842 deaths 3 were children under 1 year of age.

31 Births were registered during the year - equal to an annual rate of 18.38 per thousand. The average Birth rate for the last 10 years was 20.82 per thousand. This shows a slightly decreasing rate

The Housing accommodation for the Working Classes is with the exception of a few houses fairly good. There are however one or two houses now occupied by Families which are quite unsuitable for bringing up young children in a state of health, and there is great need for a few extra well built houses with Gardens attached for the Working Classes.

The Meat Supply of the District is very good. With regard to the Inspection of Meat there are 4 Slaughterhouses which are regularly inspected by the Sanitary Inspector as to their cleanliness and Sanitary state but there are no special arrangements made for their being visited at times of Slaughtering.

The Sewerage and Drainage of the Town is good. The disposal of the Sewage is mainly by the Water Carriage system though there are still a few Privies left. Considerable advance has been made during the year in converting these latter into W. C's. and it is hoped that soon all excrement will be disposed of by the Water Carriage System.

The emptying of House refuse into large Ashpits which are not very often cleared out is open to objection and I advocate the use of Smaller Receptacles with more frequent cleansing as being likely to promote the health of the Town. Also it is desirable that the Carts conveying the contents of the Ashpits out of the Town should be covered.

The Attorney representative of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. with the exception of a few terms family dogs. There are however one or two terms more essential for Chemical reasons which are dogs & in addition to dogs, the principle of young rabbits in as state of health, and there is great need for a few extra rabbits for the testing process.

The Dept. Health of the District is very good. With regard to the Incidence of Heart there are + Heart Diseases which are regularly registered by the Sanitary Inspector as to these diseases and Sanitary state that there are no special arrangements made for their keeping at times of Epidemic.

The Drainage and Sewerage of the town is good. The principal of the Sewage is mainly by the Water Carriage System. Practically there are still a few Privies left. Periodically removes are made during the year & it is understood that the Water Carriage System will be adopted & by the Water Carriage System. It is stated that the Council propose to abolish the Privies as early as possible & replace the same by Water Closets with proper flushing apparatus. The Sewage is disposed of by Filtration & Precipitation. The Sewage is disposed of by Filtration & Precipitation. The Sewage is disposed of by Filtration & Precipitation

Our means of coping with Infectious Diseases is inadequate. There is a house in a very suitable locality (Hosp House) for the reception of Infectious cases but it is small and would not serve for a widespread epidemic. I think that this is a matter which requires the consideration of the Council, more especially with the prevalence of Diphtheria in an adjacent Township.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis is included in the list of Notifiable Diseases. When possible cases are sent to the County Sanatorium at Meaford.

There was one death from Phthisis during the year. When a case ends fatally the House is thoroughly disinfected by the Sanitary Inspector.

A Home for advanced cases of Consumption will soon be opened in association with the existing Sanatorium at Meaford.

Infectious.

Of Notifiable Diseases there were during the year 3 cases of Erysipelas and 2 of Puerperal Fever. One of these latter was the Mother of one of the cases of Erysipelas and though removed from the house where the child was - her confinement coming on prematurely - she developed Puerperal Fever.

The other case of Puerperal Fever was attended by the same Nurse within a few hours of case No 1 and doubtless she was the means of conveying the disease.

Both cases fortunately were slight and recovered. A third case in an adjacent Village and infected from the same source

Our records of returns will defective
Divorces is misleading. There is a large
in a very distinct locality (Hot Springs) for
the reception of defective cases but it is small
and would not have for a moderate divorce
I think that this is a matter rather regret
the consideration of the Council, more especially
with the procedure of Legislature in an
adjacent Township.

Indecent Exposure is misdated in the
list of Petit Juries. Men testify were
not part of the County Institution at Wentf.
There were no trials for Indecent Exposure
the year. Nor a case was tried before
a Justice of the Peace and Disorderly Conduct
There is reported cases of Disorderly Conduct
will now be classed in association with the
existing Institution at Wentf.

Of Petit Juries there were drawn
the year 3 cases of Petit Juries and 2 of
Grand Juries. One of these latter was
the Wentf of one of the cases of Petit Juries
and therefore removed for the Term under
the writ. Ten recognizant summoned on
permanently. As traversed Grand Juries.

The other case of Grand Juries was
returned by the Sheriff with a few
days of case Mr. Ind Hamilton & the case
the means of securing the witness.
Both cases subsequently were dismissed
recorded. At their cost in recognizant
Village and indicted for the same cause

was more severe and ended fatally.

Very stringent precautions were at once taken and I am glad to report that there has been no further spread of the disease.

The Medical Inspection of Children in Public Elementary Schools is done by a Medical Officer appointed for the whole County.

I have with the assistance of the Sanitary Inspector made systematic inspection of the District as to its Sanitary State.

The Sanitary State of the District at the close of 1909 was good and there was a complete freedom from Zymotic Disease.

Annexed are Tables of Births and Deaths for 1909 and for the preceding Ten years and of the Inspection of Factories and Workshops during the year

T. G. Mathews
M. O. H.

4th March 1910

Yours very truly,

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